

FIRST DAY

MORNING MEETING

Thursday morning, April 6.

When the time arrived for the opening of the Conference, the great Tabernacle auditorium and galleries were crowded with people who had assembled from the various Stakes and Missions of the Church.

The first session commenced promptly at 10 o'clock, with President Heber J. Grant presiding. The President announced that the music for this session of the Conference would be furnished by the *Singing Mothers*, Wade N. Stephens, Director, Alta B. Cassity, Pianist.

The *Singing Mothers* and the congregation joined in singing the hymn, "Now Let Us Rejoice in the Day of Salvation."

Elder E. Frank Birch, former president of the Tintic Stake, offered the invocation.

An anthem, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel," was sung by the *Singing Mothers*, Irene Cummings, soloist.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. MCKAY

Second Counselor in the First Presidency

Read for the consideration and information of the Conference the Financial and Statistical Report of the Church, as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The expenditures by the Church for the year 1938:

Stake and Ward Purposes:

There has been returned from the tithes to the stakes and wards for the construction of ward and stake meeting houses	\$ 926,863.15
For ward maintenance expenses.....	835,486.65
For stake maintenance expenses.....	253,950.24
Total	\$2,016,300.04

Missionary Work:

For the maintenance and operation of all the missions, and for the erection of places of worship and other buildings in the missions	\$1,116,006.02
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Education:

Expended for the maintenance of Church school system.....	\$ 862,633.98
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Temples:

Expended for the maintenance and operation of temples....	\$ 404,582.26
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Hospitals:

Expended for the erection and improvement of hospital buildings (included in Church Welfare Program).....\$ 67,987.67

Relief Assistance:

For direct aid in the care of the worthy poor and other charitable purposes, including hospital treatment. (From tithing funds only. Included in Church Welfare Program)\$ 572,898.61

Total\$5,040,408.58

Which has been taken from the tithes and other Church funds and returned by the Trustee-in-Trust to the Saints for the maintenance and operation of the stakes and wards, mission activities, for the maintenance and operation of Church schools, and temples, for hospital buildings and relief assistance.

FAST OFFERING INFORMATION

	1938	1937	Increase	Percent
Fast offerings paid in wards	\$395,200.59	\$296,443.67	\$ 98,756.92	33.3
Fast offerings paid in missions	35,971.52	34,441.48	1,530.04	4.4
Total fast offerings	\$431,172.11	\$330,885.15	\$100,286.96	30.3
Number who paid fast offerings in wards..	162,582	151,056	11,526	7.6
Number who paid fast offerings in missions	22,173	21,654	519	2.4
Total who paid fast offerings..	184,755	172,710	12,045	7.0
Average fast offerings per capita in wards..	72.9c	55.4c	17.5c	
Stakes with highest per capita fast offering:				
Maricopa	\$1.74			
Bonneville	1.56			
Kanab	1.39			
San Francisco	1.31			
New York	1.30			
South Davis	1.24			
Shelley	1.19			
Curlew	1.18			
St. George	1.12			
Wells	1.12			

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Twenty-one stakes and
239 wards paid
\$1.00 or more per
capita.

Missions with highest
per capita fast
offerings:

Membership under 1,500

Japanese\$2.06

Czechoslovakia 1.19

Palestine-Syrian62

Argentine46

Membership over 1,500

Swiss84

West German60

East German53

Eastern States52

SUMMARY—ERECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF CHURCH BUILDINGS

Appropriated for ward and stake buildings, seminaries and institutes	\$1,238,972.99
Amount raised locally	790,422.60
Appropriated for hospital buildings	56,549.00
Improvements in temples	197,908.54
Expended for mission buildings and real estate.....	217,486.43

Total\$2,501,339.56

(Some of above expenditures included in Church
Welfare Program.)

STATISTICS AND OTHER DATA COMPILED FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1938

There were on December 31, 1938: 126 stakes of Zion, (at the present time 127), 1,036 wards; 101 independent branches, or a total of 1,137 wards and branches in the stakes of Zion; also 35 missions; 957 mission branches, and 243 districts.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Stakes	632,994
Missions	151,770
Total	784,764

CHURCH GROWTH

Children blessed and entered on the records of the Church in stakes and missions	22,122
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Children baptized in the stakes and missions.....	15,613
Converts baptized in the stakes and missions.....	8,259
Number of long-term missionaries from Zion, December 31, 1938..	2,151
Number of short-term missionaries from Zion, December 31, 1938..	28
Number of local missionaries	78
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Total number of missionaries in the missions of the Church.....	2,257
Number engaged in missionary work in the stakes.....	2,067
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Total missionaries	4,324
Number of missionaries who received training at the Missionary Home	1,152
Persons recommended to the temples from the stakes.....	85,313

SOCIAL STATISTICS

Birth rate 30.9 per thousand.
 Marriage rate, 17.0 per thousand.
 Death rate 6.8 per thousand.
 Families owning their own homes, 59.9%.

EXPENDED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF MISSIONARIES

Collected by wards and paid to missionaries.....	\$ 94,001.27
Average cost per missionary, 1938, \$31.00 per month or a total of \$372.00 per year per missionary. Average number of missionaries, 2,089, making a total average expense for the year of	777,108.00
Estimated possible earnings per missionary \$900.00 per year multiplied by 2,089, average number of missionaries, makes an estimated total of what these missionaries might have earned if at home of.....	1,880,100.00
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Total estimated contribution of missionaries and their families for the preaching of the Gospel.....	\$2,751,209.27

CHURCH WELFARE PROGRAM

(Including all Church Welfare Work)

Total Church membership in stakes and missions, men, women, and children	784,764
Number of Church members who paid voluntary fast offerings to help the needy:	
In wards	162,582
In missions	22,173
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Total	184,755
Amount of voluntary fast offerings	
In wards	
Cash	\$305,719.27

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Produce	89,481.32
In missions	
Cash	\$ 35,971.52
Total (all expended for relief)	\$431,172.11
Other donations to the Church Welfare Program	58,460.66
Assistance rendered by Relief Society:	
In actual disbursements to needy	92,501.62
In carrying on general work of this society	345,581.33
Additional assistance extended to Church Building Program (wards, stakes, and missions) by increasing from 50 to 60% the Church's contribution to the program	184,875.06
Expended from the tithes, mostly by local officers	329,666.45
Expended directly by the Church Welfare Committee	243,232.16
Expended for the erection, extension, and improvement of hospitals and caring for the sick therein	141,881.68
Total	\$1,827,371.07
Increase over 1937	324,916.90
In addition to the foregoing, the following supplies had been assembled and were on hand December 31, 1938, and are available for the needy during the year 1939.	

CLOTHING AND BEDDING

		Estimated Value	
Men's clothing, pieces	5,884	\$ 2,331.65	
Women's clothing, pieces	6,057	1,526.57	
Children's clothing, pieces	4,979	1,075.72	
Quilts and miscellaneous items		4,464.56	9,398.50

CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Fruits and vegetables, cans	1,002,888	96,583.58	
Fruits and vegetables, bottles	21,445	2,393.77	
Dried fruits and vegetables, lbs.	82,599	4,562.94	103,540.29

OTHER PRODUCE

Flour, pounds	201,381	3,084.80	
Potatoes, pounds	646,779	4,615.31	
Grain, pounds	224,879	1,912.50	
Other vegetables, pounds	77,317	579.87	
Meat, pounds	4,446	533.52	10,726.00

FUEL AND LUMBER

Coal, pounds	761,303	1,429.27	
Wood, cords	435	2,176.00	
Lumber		180.00	3,785.27

Total on hand December 31, 1938

\$127,450.06

THE CHURCH UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1938, IS AS FOLLOWS

Employable needing employment, Jan. 1, 1938.....	7,760
Employable needing employment, Dec. 31, 1938.....	6,817
Skilled workmen unemployed, Dec. 31, 1938.....	1,030
Unskilled workmen unemployed, Dec. 31, 1938.....	5,787
Heads of families needing employment	6,406
Number employed during year	3,322
Number of persons used on Church Work Projects during year.....	4,340
Number of persons assisted by Bishops, Relief Society, and the General Committee agencies	56,472

CHANGES IN CHURCH OFFICERS, STAKE, WARD AND BRANCH ORGANIZATIONS SINCE LAST OCTOBER CONFERENCE

New Stakes Organized:

Nampa Stake was organized November 27, 1938 by a division of Boise Stake. It consists of Caldwell and Homedale Independent Branches and Kuna, Melba, Nampa First and Nampa Second Wards.

Weiser Stake was organized November 27, 1938 by a division of Boise Stake. It consists of Emmett, Letha, Nyssa, Ontario and Weiser Wards and Vale Independent Branch.

Boise First, Boise Second, Boise Third, Glens Ferry Wards and Meridian Branch retained in the Boise Stake.

Provo Stake created February 19, 1939 by a division of the Utah Stake. This new stake consists of Provo First, Provo Fifth, Manavu and Bonneville Wards.

Provo Second, Third, Fourth, and Sixth and Pioneer Wards retained in the Utah Stake.

New Stake Presidents appointed:

Silas L. Wright appointed president of the Montpelier Stake to succeed President Edward C. Rich.

Ezra T. Benson appointed president of the Boise Stake to succeed President Scott B. Brown.

Peter E. Johnson appointed president of the newly organized Nampa Stake.

Scott B. Brown appointed president of the newly organized Weiser Stake.

Charles W. Dunn appointed president of the Logan Stake to succeed President Anthon E. Anderson.

Charles E. Rowan, Jr. appointed president of the newly organized Provo Stake.

Royal J. Murdock appointed president of the Utah Stake to succeed President Thomas N. Taylor.

Z. Reed Millar appointed president of the Boise Stake to succeed President Ezra T. Benson.

Carl Daniel Greenhalgh appointed president of the Santaquin-Tintic Stake to succeed President E. Frank Birch.

New Wards Organized:

Phoenix Fourth Ward, Phoenix Stake, created by a division of the Phoenix First Ward.

Boise Fourth Ward, Boise Stake, created by a division of the Boise Second Ward.

Independent Branches Made Wards:

Meridian Ward, Boise Stake, formerly independent branch of the same stake.

Vale Ward, Weiser Stake, formerly independent branch of the same stake.

Wards Transferred:

Santaquin First, Santaquin Second and Genola Wards of the Nebo Stake transferred to the Santaquin-Tintic Stake.

Stake Name Changed:

Tintic Stake changed to Santaquin-Tintic Stake.

Ward Name Changed:

Hanna Ward, Duchesne Stake, was formerly known as Redcliff Ward.

Garden Park Ward, Bonneville Stake, was formerly known as Gilmer Park Ward.

New Independent Branches Organized:

Coolidge Branch, Maricopa Stake, and Superior Branch, Maricopa Stake were transferred from California Mission.

Redwood City Branch, San Francisco Stake, created by making a division of Burlingame and Palo Alto Wards of that stake.

Pershing Branch, Alberta Stake, was formerly a dependent branch of Woolford Ward.

Clifton-Morenci Branch, Mount Graham Stake, created by a division of the Duncan Ward of that stake.

Warner Branch, Taylor Stake, organized from members of former Coutts Branch, Milk River district and members living west and south of Tyrells Lake.

Ward Made Independent Branch:

Lebanon Branch, Mount Graham Stake, was formerly a ward of same stake.

Wards Disorganized:

Blackpine Ward, Curlew Stake, and Juniper Ward, Curlew Stake discontinued. Members moved away.

Independent Branch Disorganized:

Mohrland Branch, Emery Stake, discontinued; members moved to other wards of the Church.

Those Who Have Passed Away:

Julia S. Budge Nibley, widow of President Charles W. Nibley.

Dr. Frederick J. Pack, Deseret Professor of Geology at the University of Utah and member of General Board of Deseret Sunday School Union.

Alice Louise Reynolds, former member of the General Board of the Relief Society and former editor of the *Relief Society Magazine*; Professor of Literature at the Brigham Young University.

Dr. George W. Middleton, founder and director of the Utah Pioneer Trails and Landmarks Association and a member of the executive committee of the Oregon Trail and Landmarks Association; a member of the executive committee and chairman of the historical committee of the Sons of Utah Pioneers; member of Church Old Folks Committee and Chairman of Finance Committee.

Julia Murdock Farnsworth, former member of Relief Society General Board, a charter member and founder of Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of Pioneers, and Daughters of the Mormon Battalion.

Adella Woolley Eardley, one of the first members of the Retrenchment Society and former member of the Y. W. M. I. A. General Board.

Wilma Jeppson, member of Primary General Board and associate professor of physical education for women at Brigham Young University.

Dr. Ellis Reynolds Shipp, one of the first woman doctors in the West and teacher in first nurses home in Utah.

Joseph Don Carlos Young, son of Brigham Young and Church Architect for fifty years.

George N. Finch, First Counselor in Tintic Stake Presidency.

Adelbert Bigler, Second Counselor in Sharon Stake Presidency.

Edward H. Holt, Stake Clerk of the Utah Stake.

Bishop George Edwin Coxe, bishop of Mt. Olympus Ward, Cottonwood Stake.

Bishop Edward H. Chambers, Ogden Thirteenth Ward, Ogden Stake.

Bishop Osmond Buchanan of the Blackfoot Second Ward, Blackfoot Stake.

Bishop David P. Howells, Wilshire Ward, Hollywood Stake.

Bishop Leonard C. Healy, Pleasant Green Ward, Oquirrh Stake.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

Salt Lake City, Utah
April 5, 1939

President Heber J. Grant and Counselors
Salt Lake City, Utah
Dear Brethren:

We have examined the financial report of the Church for the year 1938, which covers also the Presiding Bishop's department.

We heartily commend the accounting system, which is modern and complete.

The financial condition of the Church is sound. None of its properties are encumbered, by mortgage or otherwise. It has no indebtedness.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Orval W. Adams,
" Harold H. Bennett,
" George S. Spencer,
" Albert E. Bowen,

Auditing Committee.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. MCKAY

Second Counselor in the First Presidency

Presented for the vote of the Conference the General Authorities and General Officers of the Church, also the General Auxiliary Officers, and they were unanimously sustained, as follows:

GENERAL AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH

FIRST PRESIDENCY

Heber J. Grant, Prophet, Seer, and Revelator; and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

J. Reuben Clark, Jr., First Counselor in the First Presidency.

David O. McKay, Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

Rudger Clawson

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Reed Smoot

George Albert Smith

George F. Richards

Joseph Fielding Smith

Stephen L. Richards

Sylvester Q. Cannon, associate to the Council of the Twelve.

Richard R. Lyman

Melvin J. Ballard

John A. Widtsoe

Joseph F. Merrill

Charles A. Callis

Albert E. Bowen